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Prof. James C. Booth

Dear Sir

We have no objection to the title page suggested by you with the addition of "Smithsonian Reports" at the top. As an example, I refer you to the title page of the History of the Discovery of Neptune, a copy of which was sent you. Do not have the plate for it cast until we have seen a proof.

I regret to learn that you have omitted an account of the American improvements. It was my intention that the report should embrace all that have been made during the last few years. The only way to get over the difficulty will be to state in the preface that the American improvements have been given annually in the reports from the U.S. Patent Office, and as large numbers of these are printed for distribution, they must be accessible to all. I am not sure however if it would not be better to prepare an appendix containing the progress of the application of Chemical Science to the arts in America.

Send also a proof of the preface before it is stereotyped, and also of the whole report before the Edition is begun to be worked off.

I remain very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Joseph Henry

Secretary. S.I.

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